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SUBJECT: FURTHER SOVIET APPROACH ON INTERNATIONAL
FLIGHTS IN CORRIDORS

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR RODIN CALLED ON BRITISH
(CHAIRMAN) POLAD OCTOBER 16 TO MAKE FURTHER DEMARCHE
TO ALLIES ON INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS IN CORRIDORS. HIS
STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATEMENT OF THE WESTERN
SIDE OF 11 SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, I HAVE BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO CONFIRM THE POINT OF VIEW EXPRESSED IN
OUR STATEMENTS OF 24 JUNE AND 22 JULY OF THIS YEAR.
QUOTE THE SOVIET SIDE WILL REGARD ANY ATTEMPTS TO
ESTABLISH NEW DIRECT AIR ROUTES BETWEEN THE WESTERN
SECTORS OF BERLIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES AS A VIOLATION
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OF FOUR POWER DECISIONS ON AIR COMMUNICATION WITH THE

WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, AS WELL AS THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS THE SAFETY OF FLIGHTS ON SUCH ROUTES WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED. UNQUOTE.

2. BRITISH POLAD REMINDED RODIN THAT ALLIES HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS IN REPLYING TO RODIN'S REPRESENTATIONS OF 24 JUNE AND 22 JULY (SEPT 11 - BERLIN 1588) AND TO ORAL STATEMENT OF SOVIET CONTROLLER IN BASC ON SEPTEMBER 7 (OCT 2 - BERLIN 1761). POLAD SAID THAT ALLIES CONSIDERED THAT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, WHICH HAD BEEN PROCEEDING FOR MANY YEARS, DID NOT VIOLATE CORRIDOR REGIME OR AMOUNT TO CHANGE IN SITUATION. WE REGARDED SOVIET AUTHORITIES AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY OF SUCH FLIGHTS. DISCUSSIONS ON DIFFERENT LEGAL POSITIONS REGARDING THESE FLIGHTS FOLLOWED. BRITISH POLAD ASSURED RODIN THAT ALLIES CONSIDERED CORRIDORS AVAILABLE FOR UNRESTRICTED USE ONLY TO AIRLINES OF FOUR POWERS AND POLISH LOT. HE MADE IT PLAIN THAT ALLIES COULD NOT ACCEPT SOVIET VIEW OF CORRIDORS, BUT SAID THAT IT WAS UP TO AIRLINES TO CONSIDER WHETHER ANY PARTICULAR ROUTE WAS COMMERCIALY VIABLE PROSPECT.

3. WHEN RODIN SAID THAT IT WAS ONLY ALLIES WHO CREATED NEW PROBLEMS, BRITISH POLAD REFERRED TO ALLIED PROTEST ON DEMILITARIZATION AND SAID THAT, WHILE SOVIETS MIGHT CONSIDER PRESENCE OF GDR SOLDIERS IN EAST BERLIN AS LONG-STANDING PRACTICE, ALLIES TOOK THIS VIOLATION OF QUAD-RIPARTITE AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS SERIOUSLY.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH HERE THAT THIS FURTHER SOVIET STATEMENT WAS ESSENTIALLY FOR THE RECORD AND THAT NO FURTHER ALLIED RESPONSE IS NECESSARY. SELIGMANN

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